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SU celebrates third annual Fun Day

By Alexander Ruoff
Staff Writer

Over 2,000 SU students, family members, faculty and community members came together on campus for Fun Day 2007. The circus-themed event featured two shows by the nationally renowned Zany Umbrella Circus, live musical performances, faculty demonstrations and a wide array of family activities.

"Fun Day is SU faculty staff, and students volunteering one Saturday to give back to the community," said Fun Day Coordinator Derek Tennant. "We wanted it to be totally hassle-free."

Circus performers entertained the audience with trapeze tricks, fire juggling and slack rope walking. The show consisted of four short circus stories that celebrated the change of the seasons.

"The stunts were impressive and my kids had a great time," said community member Greg Delinatario. "This is our third Fun Day and was quite possibly the biggest and most fun."

Children of all ages enjoyed the moon bounces, putt-putt golf course, inflatable obstacle course, dunking booth, hayrides, and giveaways from Papa John's pizza and Chick-fil-A on the Fun Day Green located outside Henson Hall. The first floor of Henson Hall was filled with student activities such as the SU Chemistry Department's famous packed-house "Fire and Ice" demonstration.

"We always have a lot of fun showing off and teaching the kids," said Chemistry Department chair John Tyvoll. "I think everyone enjoyed it."

Maggs Gym featured athletic fun

with a tricycle obstacle course and sports clinics for all skill levels. The Wesley Foundation sponsored the Giant Bubble Creation Machine where participants could stand in the center and watch as a bubble formed around them.

From face painting and sand art to vegan ice cream samples, Red Square was teaming with student-run activities. The Tae Kwon Do club showed off their skills and the Environmental Studies association gave everyone a chance to test their ecological knowledge with Environmental Jeopardy.

Assistant Professor of Education Diana Wagner was the opening music act, followed by the country-punk alternative sound of Pugsly, which featured Chrys Egan, of the Communication and Theatre Arts Department, on vocals. Wagner later taught a kids concert and instrument-making workshop. Blue Light Special entertained the crowd with blues music and a festive attitude.

Physical comedian Dan Kamin, who has taught Johnny Depp and Robert Downey Junior, traveled through the crowd sharing his talents.

Community organizations, including the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office and its K-9 unit and the Salisbury Zoo came to campus to volunteer. Salisbury Police taught safety rules, police procedure, and handed out honorary junior badges. "We're here to help out and talk about safety," University Police Office T.M. Russell said. "We're here to help the kids."

Fun Day began as SU's 75th anniversary celebration in 2000, but has been brought back annually since 2004. This is Tennant's 3rd and final year as coordinator.



Adrienne Price photo

A future SU student enjoys face painting at Fun Day. Other activities included a moon bounce, putt-putt golf, an inflatable obstacle course, sand art, vegan icecream sampling, Tae Kwon Do, circus performers, a dunking booth and hayrides.

TETC construction ahead of schedule



By Matt Harhai
Staff Writer

The construction of the TETC building is progressing faster than originally planned, according to SU's Vice President of Administration and Finance Grieg Mitchell.

The building will be finished by early spring, said Mitchell. However, after the building is finished, it will be commissioned, the interior and landscaping will be completed and then classes will not be taught in it until the fall.

Senior Project Leader of Holder Construction Shaun Haycock added that the buildings cost is running under budget. This will allow for tuition to neither rise or fall as long as money from the state continues to be appropriated.

Construction progress is "harder to see at this point because things are happening inside with the details of it," said Mitchell. "All of the framing is up, all of the exterior walls are completed and the brick is up over much of the structure already."

The brick and mortar must be laid before the winter because it will not set properly in the cold weather. The Holder Construction crew is about to finish the Chesapeake side of the building and they have until the end of October to build the east face, said Haycock. In order to efficiently and quickly complete the brick-laying, the crew utilizes "two sets of scaffolding to leap frog in front of each other," said Haycock.

On the interior, the crew is installing the building's electrical wires and lights, and some rooms are already nearly finished with the dry wall in and painted. According

to Haycock, as soon as the exterior is finished, the rest of the crew will move inside to complete the building through the winter months.

The building is equipped to help accommodate the quickly growing student population with "additional classroom space" and "relieve space on other buildings," said Mitchell.

[It] will house everything from Biology labs to Video Production studios and editing rooms, as well as a large portion of SU's huge Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies.

The Teacher Education and Technology Center will become exactly what its name stands for, a technology-oriented academic hall. This building "will provide facilities that don't exist on campus," said Mitchell.

Wireless internet will run throughout the building. A colonnade, including pillars on the outside with an atrium, will be visible from the corner of Route 13 and West College Avenue. Outside in the courtyard next to Chesapeake Hall, will be a beautiful green and plenty of bike racks as part of SU's sustainability efforts. As the school worked with Holder through this process, they realized that because they were using "less funds than expected" they were able to put in a "better grade of flooring, and installed cabinetry," said Mitchell.

The ground level boasts four large tiered lecture halls in addition to many smaller class rooms, a science methods lab and seminar rooms. The ground floor also includes four giant computer labs and a satellite dining area with a lounge.

The second floor will host the majority of the Seidel School with specific Seidel classrooms and labs and about half of

Seidel's offices, including the Chair's office.

The third floor will house the rest of Seidel's offices, a few general use classrooms and a photography lab. The third floor will also host two large video production labs, a video demonstration studio, an audio demonstration studio, a production control room and many editing suites. These rooms will be in their own hallway. One of the video production rooms will be "isolated and suspended to allow for sound proofing," said Haycock. "Also, one of the editing rooms will have neoprene rubber isolators to help in sound proofing as well."

It is important to remember that all of the building's structure is being constructed under the name of sustainability. SU is one of the premier green campuses in the mid Atlantic. The construction of this building on SU's campus is a mark of its dedication to being the proud environmentally responsible university that it is.

The original environmental initiatives of the building include bamboo floors in the Colonnade and a variable air volume system. This smart ventilation system; which is also installed in Henson; allows special sniffers to identify the amount of CO2 in the air and generate enough oxygen to sustain a given amount of people in a room.

The TETC building's progression is just one part of the excitement of Salisbury University's growth as an institution in the 21st Century.

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Story Brief

Field Hockey defeats Frostburg 5-0

The No. 8 ranked Salisbury University field hockey team defeated in-state rival Frostburg State University 5-0 last Saturday. It was all Salisbury from the beginning as the vast majority of the first half was played down on Frostburg's end of the field.



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News briefs

Coffeehouse Concert

What do four University faculty members and a radio announcer have in common? They're all part of the lineup as Salisbury University folks off its third annual Faculty, Folks and Friends coffeehouse concert series at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18 in the Gully's Nest of the Guerrieri University Center. The lineup includes music from Dr. Diana Wagner of SU's Education Specialties Department, Dr. Jim Hatley of the Philosophy Department, Chad Jones of the Music Department, Adam Wood of the English Department and Public Radio Delmarva newscaster Don Rush. Featuring folk, blues and classical songs, the family-friendly concert is free and the public is invited.

Career Services Workshop

Learn "How to Write a Resume and How to Approach a Job Fair" at the upcoming workshop which will be held Thursday, September 20 from 5-6:00 p.m. in Nanticoke Room A of the Guerrieri University Center. Learn how to improve your resume, talk to a recruiter and get the most out of a job fair. It's a fast-paced workshop full of helpful information.

SU faculty & staff embark upon annual campus Giving Campaign

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

Salisbury University kicks off its annual Giving Campaign, which calls for faculty and staff to give back to the campus as a means of improving the school as a whole, as well as a means to unify the teaching and working community. "I support this program," said communications professor Bryan Horikami. "I do this because I feel that creating a positive campus climate for all people is an important endeavor."

Professors and other staff mem-

bers see this campaign not as an opportunity for the university to take more money out of their pockets, but as a chance for SU faculty to express that they care.

The Annual Fund page of the SU website addresses the faculty and staff as it indicates this very point saying, "We should each give because we work at SU. We each care about SU in our own way."

The faculty and staff of SU are able to give in a single lump sum, or they can fill out a payroll deduction pledge card and have an amount taken from their paychecks throughout the next calendar year.

Each professor cares about the University in his or her own special way, which is shown by how the fund allows the backers of the campaign a chance to give to specific areas of the Salisbury University community. Backers can support technological improvements, the library, the Varsity Club (the athletic department), or one of the many scholarships available to the student body.

"I like that I can specify where my contributions go in the Fund. In my opinion, having control over

where my contributions are going is better than giving to the university as a whole where I do not know how my earned dollars are being used," said Horikami.

This effort by the faculty and staff of SU shows their dedication to the education, as well as, the unification and advancement of the campus community. Their commitment to contributing both financially and with their knowledge also sends an important message to the donors in the future looking to invest in Salisbury University.

Crime beat

09/08/07
12:08 a.m. - 12:45 a.m.
Alcohol Violation
A non-student juvenile was found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages near Henson Hall. The subject was issued a juvenile citation and charged on a Dept. of Juvenile Services Police Request for Juvenile Charges form.

09/08/07
01:13 a.m. - 2:15 a.m.
Intoxicated Subject
University Police responded to Manokin Hall for an intoxicated student. The student was transported to PRMC by Salisbury EMS.

09/09/07
3:15 a.m. - 4:30 a.m.
Theft
The letter "S" and a seagull were stolen from the Salisbury University entrance sign along Camden Ave. near Holloway Hall.

09/09/07
5:21 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.
University Police responded to the University Center for a sick student. The student was transported to PRMC by Salisbury EMS.

09/10/07
10:00 a.m. - 11:18 a.m.
Theft
A student reported that a bicycle was stolen from the bike rack located near Caruthers Hall. The bicycle was not locked to the bike rack.

City of Salisbury shows strong diversity but weak community relations

By Jennifer Garrison
Staff Writer

no English, are college students or really nice families. It is the melting pot," he said.

Carroll Long, 73, known as the "Mayor" of the street has lived on Pryor Avenue for almost 33 years. "There is nothing wrong with this neighborhood. The blacks that live two houses down are a beautiful family, the Brazilians across street are a working people; from sunrise to sunset they are working. The college students are in and out because there is no attraction to stay in Salisbury."

"There are twenty houses on Pryor Avenue," said Long. "Seven houses on each side are rentals because fourteen of twenty houses are rentals. The renters have no interest in their homes like the buyers do."

"The crime is going up!" declared Showden. "I don't know if it is possible, but I would like to see some change. We need to become a community."

"I would like to know my neighbors better and play soccer with them," said Alvarado. The Pryor Avenue community exemplifies the growing diversity in

a Salisbury neighborhood. A street full of diversity where inside each house lives a different story. The residents suggested a push for unity in the community. Showden urges the police to focus on the real problems in the area such as theft, muggings and burglary. The neighborhood could improve in safety with a stronger bond between the police and the community, working together to decrease crime.

Showden has recently involved himself in the community by joining the Moose Lodge. "I wanted to join to play poker, but it is fun. I have met many people from the community. There is only one other student in the lodge," he said.

McDermott also suggests more activities and festivals that can involve the whole community. "To create change, we need anything that can pull the people together," he said.

For now, the Pryor Avenue residents will continue enjoying the Latin music in the afternoons, laughing at the wild college students and taking in the world from their porches.

The Pryor Avenue community exemplifies the growing diversity in

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UN battles female genital mutilation

By Leah Dyson
Staff Writer

Approximately 135 million adolescent girls and women have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM), a practice the World Health Organization describes as "all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia."

Amnesty International identifies several types of FGM, ranging from clitoridectomy to (removal of the clitoris) to infibulation (the removal of the clitoris, labia minora and majora, and then the stitching back together). The most common procedure falls somewhere in between these extremes and is described by the World Health Organization as the excision of the clitoris and total or partial excision of the labia minora. This makes up approximately 80 percent of all FGM cases.

These practices are concentrated

mainly within 28 different African countries, but also take place around Asia, the Middle East and some Western countries. Each year, another two million females will experience this culturally significant yet generally unsafe practice.

There are various reasons cited for the practice of FGM, including culture, religion and oppression of women's sexuality. One of the most widespread reasons some cultures continue this practice is as a rite of passage for adolescent girls when they go through FGM. Hannah Koroma from Sierra Leone describes her experience with FGM when she was 10 years old on Amnesty International's website, recounting the procedure as the cause of "terrible and unbearable" pain.

Other motives for FGM include the belief that the practice will reduce women's sexual desire, aes-

thetic purposes and certain debated religious notions. Regardless of the reasoning, the manner in which FGM is carried out is generally the same. Traditional practitioners usually perform FGM in unsanitary conditions with objects like a "blunt penknife" for Hannah Koroma, or broken glass, scissors and razors for other girls and women, while lacking both anesthetics and antibiotics.

FGM can result in a number of short and long term health consequences, though the effects will depend on the type of genital mutilation. Hannah Koroma hemorrhaged and became anemic, while others have experienced shock and infections, benign nerve tumors, scars, sterility and complicated births from FGM. Recently, concerns surrounding the spread of HIV through FGM have arisen because of shared tools used during the procedure. Physical and psychological issues surrounding sexual intercourse, among other emotional issues, can stem from FGM practices as well.

Although this procedure may be difficult for Western throats to swallow, some researchers claim that those influenced by "Western liberal individualism" should not attack the practice. In her book, *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Gender*, Jacquelyn W. White describes how some adult immigrants to North America actively seek out medical professionals who agree to perform the surgery as a way to continue the social tradition and reinforce their cultural identity. This reveals that cultures are not just forcing young girls into FGM, but that the procedure can sometimes be an educated and informed choice made by adults.

The passing of the Female Genital Mutilation Act into United States law in 1996 is one of many actions taken by those campaigning

against FGM. Countries within Africa have also taken initiative in fighting violence against women, including FGM practices. Of the 28 countries in Northern Africa that practice FGM, 26 have passed General Recommendation No. 19 of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). CEDAW obligates countries to prevent and investigate violence directed towards women and to punish those who commit these acts.

Although, as ReligiousTolerance.org discusses, some legislation against FGM practices can become "counter-productive" by forcing the practice underground to even less sanitary and safe conditions.

New Orleans continues to re-build

By Lisa Emery
Staff Writer

As the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina passes, many residents are wondering why much of New Orleans is still in shambles.

The devastating hurricane ravaged coastal Mississippi and Louisiana, during the early morning hours of Aug. 29, 2005. The storm left 1,600 people dead, countless injured and many without a home. New Orleans, La. was shattered by the torrential winds, rain and massive flooding.

Many residents still question why they are still living in a FEMA trailer and camping out on their own property. In the ninth Ward, an area of New Orleans that was hit very hard, the struggle to rebuild has been particularly slow. Residents of this impoverished area feel abandoned by local and U.S. governments as homes and businesses in the more affluent French Quarter have been quickly rebuilt to attract tourists.

The lack of government funding has left only two-thirds of the hospitals open and many businesses still boarded up. Schools have been restricted and libraries have been shut down. Entire neighborhoods, once filled with families and the laughter of children, still lay demolished. The threads of a unique

southern culture are unraveling in their ruins. Along with the wreckage in the abandoned neighborhoods comes an elevated crime rate, further threatening efforts to rebuild.

Politicians, including President Bush, have visited recently to make promises and instill hope in the troubled people of New Orleans.

Bush offered a few words of hope to residents as he proclaimed, "The people of this part of the world really do appreciate the fact that the American citizens are supportive of the recovery effort. Of the \$114 billion spent so far and resources allocated so far, about 80 percent of the funds have been disbursed or available."

There have been some significant improvements in sections of New Orleans. However, many rebuilding projects are being postponed due to elevated construction costs, insurance company delays and staggering federal funding. The recovering economy is also adding to the stalled efforts.

Preventative measures have been taken to protect New Orleans from disasters of this kind in the future. The locals were pleased to see the damaged I-wall model floodwalls replaced with T-walls, which have a solid foundation that delivers stronger protection for the near future. Work has also been done to

strengthen the transition walls between the levees, and many new levees and floodwalls are now taller.

The extensive repairs have not been made without criticism. Engineers have been accused of building the new levee system to withstand only a category 3 level of destruction, rather than a category 5. Critics maintain that the low level provides a false sense of security for the citizens of New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina roared ashore as a category 3, and many fear a repeat of the devastation without adequate protection from a stronger storm.

President Bush recently requested an additional 7.6 billion for rebuilding efforts including the completion of the levee system and construction of an interior drainage system. To some of the hurricane victims, the appropriated funds will be too little, too late. Bush tried to console the frustrated citizens as he said, "There's been a lot of progress made, and that's what people have got to understand."

As the people of New Orleans pass this second anniversary, patience and understanding are wearing thin. A shroud of broken promises and slow funding hangs over the disheartened city. New Orleans is on the road to recovery, but the road is long and filled with uncertainties.



Two years later, the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina is still present in New Orleans.

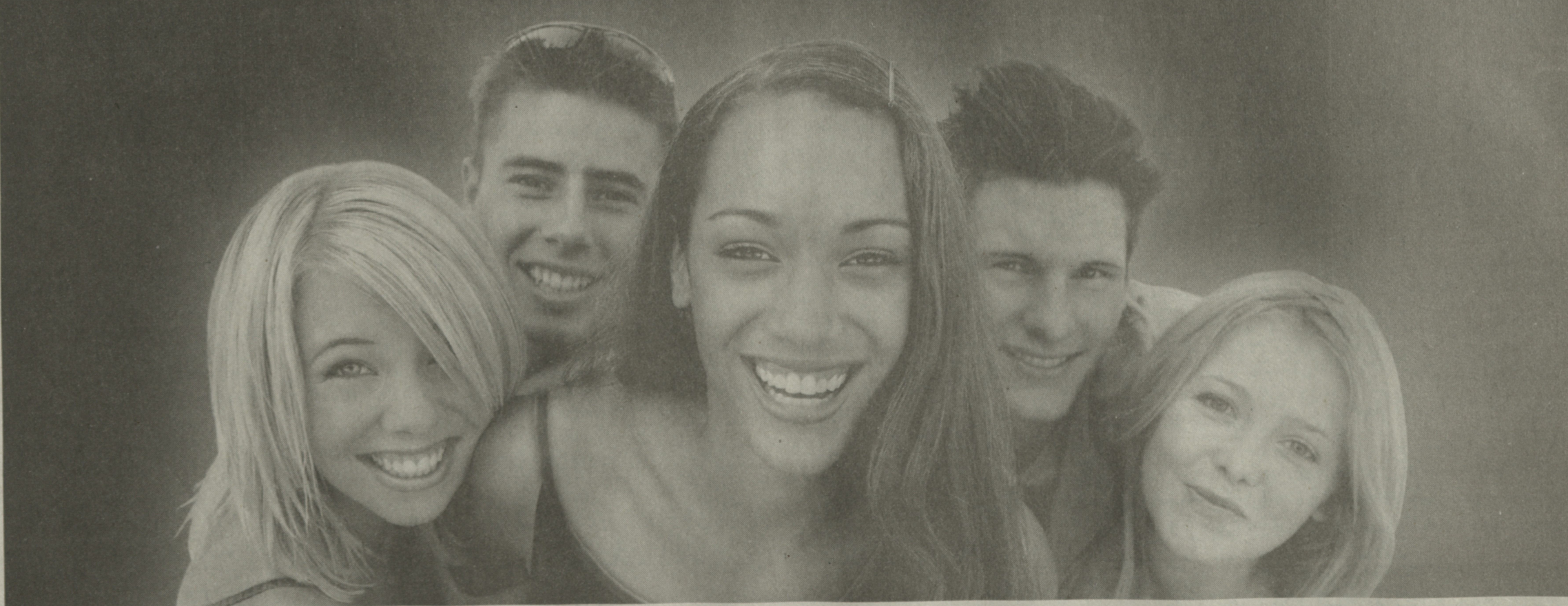
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The Flyer's weekly global education: India & Kashmir

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

What do students at Salisbury University really know about India? When asked about the country, many students replied with such things as yoga, Gandhi's civil rights movements, the Taj Mahal and spicy food. All of these things do originate in India, but there is so much more to the culture.

Indian culture thrives with bright colors flooding the streets, intriguing architecture with Mughal influences and a vast landscape. Residing in the peninsula are over one million Indians who share their borders with the countries of Pakistan, Myanmar and China. There are more than ten national languages, although 30 percent of the population speaks Hindi.

The majority of the nation also observes Hinduism, the third largest religion in the world. Followers of this 3,000-year-old religion believe in three main gods: Brahma, who created the universe; Vishnu, who preserves the universe; and Shiva, who destroys the universe. Many Hindus believe that the work of

Brahma is completed, but they still think of this god as holy. The other two are still believed to be in the midst of their works and so Hindus created two divisions in their religion. The first is Vaishnavism, where Vishnu is considered the highest deity. The other is Shivaism, where Shiva is the highest deity. Like the Jews and Muslims, Hindus also have one specific animal that is off limits to eat. Judaism and Islam forbid pork. Hindus, on the other hand, regard the cow as holy and exclude it from their diet.

Since most Indians believe in Hinduism and because Hindus do not eat beef, much of the Indian cuisine is vegetarian. There are, however, some recipes in Indian cookbooks that include meat due to Muslim influences. India has always been well known for its array of spices. Even Christopher Columbus set out on a voyage in 1492 to India to find the highly desired spices, although he did miss by a couple thousand miles.

When Indians are not in their sports clothes, the world typically thinks of them as wearing brightly-colored clothing. Though this is

true in some of the regions in India, it is not true for all Indians. The clothes people wear in India vary with the region. However, some Indians are starting to adapt what one would call a more "western" look, wearing things like skirts, dress pants and button-down shirts. For the Indians women who wear traditional clothing, the world is used to seeing them in saris. Saris are made out of cotton, silk, or other fabrics, and have different textures and patterns. Even if women are wearing more modern clothing, most still wear bangles and have their ears pierced. Many little girls have their ears pierced before they turn one.

Many things that Americans use or learn today originated in India. The most prominent peace and non-violence activist was Mahatma Gandhi. Yoga, something a lot of Americans do for exercise and relaxation therapy, came from India. The game of chess originated in India, too. America is a melting pot of cultures, and Americans have a lot they could learn from Indian culture.

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

In an area residing in the thinner atmosphere of the Himalayas is the beautiful but conflicted region of Kashmir. "Kashmir is a fertile crescent valley," said Dr. Brian Polkinghorne, the executive director of the Center for Conflict Resolution and professor of Conflict Resolution and Dispute Analysis. "You could throw a rock in there and it would sprout."

When India and Pakistan gained their independence from the United Kingdom in the summer of 1947, the two countries could not decide which one should get control of Kashmir. Pakistan wanted the region because it was predominantly Muslim. However, in the fall of 1947 the region was claimed by India. Since the Accession Pact, the two countries have been in turmoil over Kashmir.

Pakistan and India have fought two wars over the Kashmir region, and countless numbers of people have died. The first war was fought in 1948 and started when Pakistani tribal armies invaded with the help of the Pakistani government. The Indian government helped the

region by sending in forces and the invasion was stopped. Eventually Pakistan and India created a 500 mile line of control, which has been in place ever since.

The second war over the region was fought in 1965. There was no formal declaration of war and the conflict was mainly contained in the region. However, the war escalated on both sides to the point of attacking locations not within the borders of Kashmir. Eventually the United Nations intervened and assisted with a cease-fire.

Countries vie for the possession of Kashmir constantly because of its highly valued strategic importance. The Pakistani main water source resides in Kashmir and flows down toward the capital. The glaciers that sit on top of the mountain peaks are what feed the water flow.

Besides a water source, this conflict is based between two nuclear powers with Islam on one side and the world's largest democratic country which is mainly Hindu on the other side. Polkinghorne described this as an "ethnic political conflict."

In recent years this "ethnic political conflict" has intensified due to the fact that both nations have acquired the ability and technology

to create nuclear weapons. This creates tension in both nations and is also a form of deterring war.

"This is rather morbid, but high altitude warfare has been perfected," said Polkinghorne. "These two nations are literally fighting on top of glaciers."

The troops and guerilla fighters have figured out how to modify weapons and helicopters in order to fight on top of mountain peaks.

Recently there has not been much action in the region, but that does not mean the conflict is over. If something goes wrong in Kashmir, it is bound to cause an upheaval within the two countries. Even if something goes wrong within Pakistan or India, it could disrupt the Kashmiri region.

The issues between the two countries have the possibility of destabilizing the subcontinent. Having two nuclear powers right next to each other that disagree on many issues is not what one would call an ideal situation. Many things will have to be agreed upon and kept in place in order for peace to come. For now, Polkinghorne said, "This is war at the top of the world."

HISTORY CORNER

SEPTEMBER 18
1970. Jimi Hendrix found dead in his basement in London.

SEPTEMBER 19
1900. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid commit their first robbery together.

SEPTEMBER 20
1891. The first gasoline-powered car debuts in Springfield, Massachusetts.

SEPTEMBER 21
1937. J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* is published.

SEPTEMBER 22
1862. A preliminary version of the Emancipation Proclamation is released.

SEPTEMBER 23
1980. Bob Marley's last concert.

SEPTEMBER 24
1890. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officially renounces polygamy.

Muslims celebrate Ramadan

By Leah Dyson
Staff Writer

Followers of Islam all over the world have commenced their observation of the month of Ramadan, the ninth lunar month in which Allah revealed the Qur'an (Muslim Holy scripture) to the prophet Muhammad and asked Muslims to fast. Ramadan requires followers to abstain from eating, drinking, smoking and intimate relations from sun up until sun down, beginning on the 13 or 14 of September and ending on the 12 or 13 of October. Since Ramadan is based on a lunar calendar, the actual dates vary depending on the sighting of the moon.

Muslims view this as an annual opportunity for physical and spiritual purification for those who have reached puberty and are physically and mentally able. Ramadan also provides a chance for Muslims to increase their compassion for those denied the necessities of life, such as food and drink. "Muslims believe

that in this month, the mercy and blessings from the Almighty are multiplied and sins are forgiven through God's love and forgiveness," explains Selmina Chopra, a Salisbury University student and member of the Muslim Student Association on campus. "In this month, Muslims feel a closer bond to God, to the Qur'an and to each other as they all participate in this unifying act of worship and fast to show their love for God."

In addition to fasting, there are several customs unique to Ramadan that many followers of Islam will choose to participate in such as Taraweeh prayers. Taraweeh prayers take place at night in the mosques and can last from one and a half to two hours. Many mosques will try to recite approximately one-thirtieth of the Qur'an during these recommended nightly prayers. As Ramadan is the month that the Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad, recitation of the Muslim holy scripture is especially important and

many will try to read it entirely.

T'ukaf is a practice that describes the last 10 days of Ramadan where some of the followers pray and recite the Qur'an in the mosque. These final days of Ramadan involve serious personal reflection and deep worship.

Prayer during Laylat al-Qadr is thought to be equivalent to one thousand months of consecutive prayer, but the day this falls on is uncertain. Scholars speculate that Laylat al-Qadr occurred during one of the final odd nights of Ramadan.

The end of Ramadan is marked by Eid el-Fitr and will take place at the end of this lunar month, in mid October. This is generally a day spent with family that begins with special Eid prayers at the mosque in the morning. Later in the day, meals and festivities may be held that were prepared well in advance and can continue for five days. Different cultures and countries have their own distinct foods that they may prepare specifically for the Eid el-

Fitr celebration. Muslim families in Iraq may sacrifice a lamb for the special Eid el-Fitr feast or bake date-filled pastries called kilaicha. One commonly prepared dish in India, Palestine and Fiji is savayya, which is made with toasted vermicelli noodles.

Families and individuals are not the only observers of Ramadan this year. Other nations are also making gestures of generosity for this occasion. Syria has lifted the visa requirement for families fleeing the violence of Iraq as a "goodwill gesture" for Ramadan and a Gaza City prison is releasing over eighty prisoners, an act described as a show of mercy. According to www.news.google.com, even the United States has plans to partake in the charitable ways encouraged through Islam, by developing a new program that will allow the release of fifty to eighty Iraqi detainees per day during this Holy month.

Horizons Workshop Training

Individuals who participate in the Horizons Program have come out as an Ally to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community. Horizons Allies have made a commitment to themselves, their community, and every person around them to foster and create safe spaces. In addition to providing workshops, training, and dialogue to increase awareness of issues facing the GLBT community, the Horizons program seeks to increase campus awareness and response to acts of intolerance and hate crimes against any member of the SU community.

The Horizons Program wishes to expand its cadre of facilitators. Two training programs will be offered this fall to individuals interested in facilitating Horizons workshops. The trainings are open to all SU faculty, staff, and students.

In order to qualify as a trainer, participants will attend a 2-hour training workshop (see below) attend a Horizons training this year or have attended in the last 3 years -co-facilitate one workshop with an experienced facilitator

Training sessions are offered below. If you are interested in attending, please email Dr. Diana Wagner, diwagner@salisbury.edu Workshops are limited to 20 people.

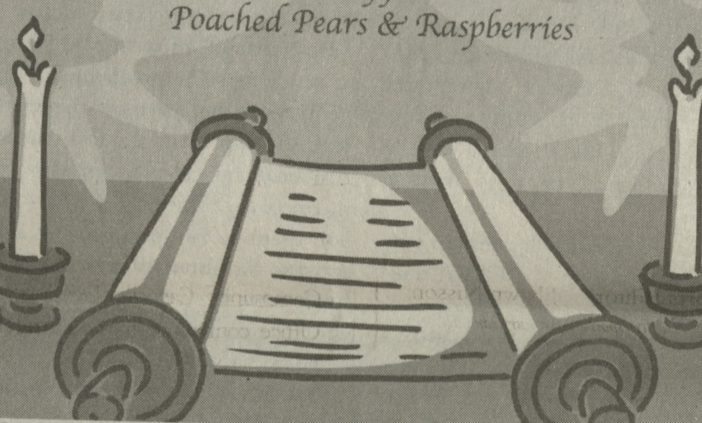
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10-12 noon
Devilbite 316

Horizons Trainer Training
Open to all Faculty, Staff, & Students
Tuesday, September 25
6-8 pm
Devilbite 128

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Roast Chicken with Herbs
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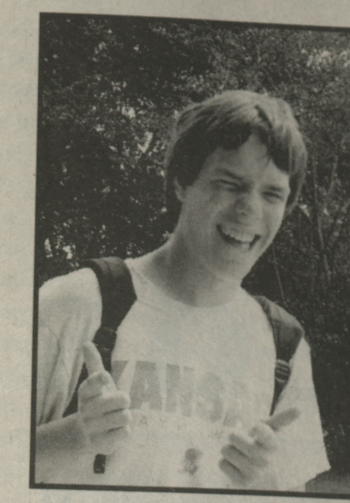


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Overheard: What's your favorite joke?

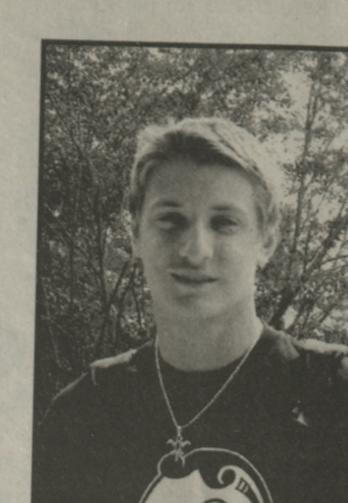
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That's what she said.
Andrew Lassie - junior



I like non sequiturs.
Cliff Volatile - junior



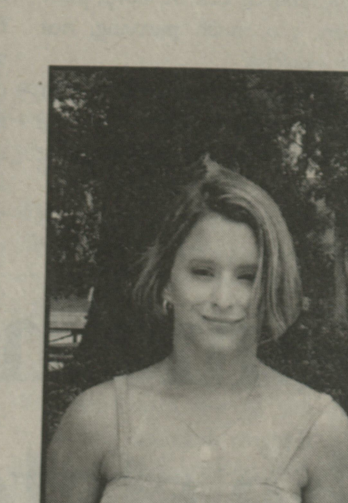
What does a fish say when it runs into a concrete wall?
"Damn."
Jay Szymborski - sophomore



My friend asked me if I wanted a frozen banana. I said 'No, but I want a regular banana later, so... yeah.'
Kristyn Jeschelnik - junior



What do you call a cow that has no legs? Ground beef.
Leslie Levin - junior



Dane Cook's joke about the tire to the face.
Rudi Bracaglia - senior

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Is the Justice Department "eating" your tax dollars?

By Lauren Zarin
Staff Writer

Thanks to an internal audit, Americans now know that a large portion of their tax money is funding the gluttonous appetites of thousands of Justice Department conference attendees. There are several such events each year, from networking sessions to post-conference meetings, all of which provide government-funded meals and refreshments.

Food is a reasonable expenditure but not at a cost of over two hundred dollars per person, per day. According to the report from Inspector General Glenn Fine, this was the case at a 2005 Community Capacity Development Office conference in Los Angeles. Each lunch at this conference consisted of a \$37.67 deli sandwich, a \$3.25 bag of chips, a \$4.87 cup of yogurt, a \$4.55 can of soda and bottles of water at \$4.87 each. Combined with the other meals and snacks served, the average daily cost of food totaled \$256 per person.

Pre-existing federal policies set the per diem food budget for

these events at \$51 per person. This budget was clearly ignored, yet, while the report "questions the judgment" of the Justice Department, it suggests that no laws were broken. If the budget is not legally enforced, what purpose is it serving?

Even worse, this gross misuse of money is not atypical. The report showed that these meetings cost taxpayers \$58 million dollars in 2004 and \$46 million in 2006. At one event, meatballs cost five dollars apiece and \$13,000 was spent on cookies. At a 2005 post-conference meeting, in addition to costly meals and over-priced decorations, an extra \$25 per person was spent on an "At the Movies" themed snack (candy, popcorn, and soft drinks). Overall, this one-hour networking reception for 120 people cost \$64,000. To put that into perspective, that is \$533.34 per person, per hour.

The Inspector General's report also shows that most conference registrants forget to deduct their allowable per diem meal costs for these free meals. As if the roar of money being flushed down the toilet isn't loud enough, Fine's

explains that "when component managers do not systematically review vouchers to ensure that such deductions are made, the government effectively pays for the meals twice."

In response to these findings, the report suggested smarter shopping, recommending that "planners compare costs in multiple cities unless there is a special reason a meeting needs to be held in a particular city."

Perhaps in addition to comparison-shopping, planners should abandon the chef-carved roast beef and coconut lobster skewers. While hundreds of thousands of hard-working Americans are defaulting on their mortgage payments, their tax money is funding superlatively lavish theme parties for government employees.

In the event of any future tax-increase propositions, citizens should protest, arguing that the increase would not be necessary if the Justice Department could stomach Chips Ahoy instead of gourmet, fudge-laced lady fingers.

On-campus safety concerns increase

By Katie Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer

When I was an incoming freshman at Salisbury University and took a campus tour, the guide talked to us about the safety and security of the campus. They told us that there are police available on campus or on-call at all times, and that there are emergency call systems located around campus if a student feels unsafe.

When I actually came to the University, I soon found things to be slightly different. Occasionally there might be a police officer walking around campus or in the Commons, but they are mostly seen in the parking lots issuing tickets. Most students might argue that this doesn't matter because the campus is generally safe and if the campus police were truly needed in an emergency, they would be there. Most students might feel safe during the day and use common safety procedures, such as walking in a group. However, what if a student was attacked during the day and security was nowhere around? It sounds ridiculous and farfetched, but it has happened.

In September 2006, during the early afternoon, Stephen Carr, then a sophomore at Salisbury University, was attacked on campus. He had just finished taking a test and was walking back to his

car around 6 p.m. It was still daylight outside. There was a group of people standing just outside the doors of Guerrieri. He didn't pay much attention to them since he didn't know who they were. Suddenly, one of the boys lunged at him and tried to punch him. In self defense, he dodged the punch and was able to wrestle the attacker to the ground. Once Carr had his attacker pinned, he looked up to find a group of students standing around and watching. The campus police were nowhere to be found.

Carr realized that not only did he not know his attacker, but the attacker did not appear to be a student at the school. He let the attacker go and walked back to his car. Shaken, he realized the gravity of the situation. Not only had his attacker been someone from the community who wasn't a student, but there weren't any campus police to notice the intruder or to stop the attack from happening.

Similar attacks happen all over campus, whether they're thefts, burglaries, or muggings. Rarely, though, do they happen during the day. "I didn't see any campus police around to help me," said Carr.

He was able to escape the unknown attacker, but the attack made him reconsider the safety of the campus.

According to the university's crime statistics (as reported by University Police), in 2006 there were 21 assault and battery incidents, which is triple the amount that occurred the year before. This doesn't even cover unreported cases.

The University Police believe they are doing the best they can to protect the students. However, there aren't enough policemen to fully cover the campus and ensure the students' safety. For the campus to be fully covered, SU's tuition would have to be comparable to that of an Ivy League school just to cover the salaries of the additional officers, according to University Police.

I feel that in order to ensure the safety of the campus community something must be changed about the safety measures enforced on campus. I feel that there would be fewer attacks, day or night, if there were police officers stationed in certain areas around campus keeping a regular eye on the campus community.

Although it may appear to be a random occurrence for someone to get attacked during the day, it has happened before. It is imperative that the administration work to guarantee the safety of the campus community, whether or not the sun has set.

~SUDOKU~

The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

		1	7			5		
	7		4		2	9		
8								6
	4		5					
					1	8		
		7	6					
				7	3			
9		5	8					1
	3	9				6		

Difficulty Rating: Medium

Solution to last week's puzzle:

2	8	7	9	3	5	1	6	4
5	1	9	7	6	4	8	2	3
4	6	3	1	8	2	7	9	5
8	5	2	3	4	9	6	7	1
9	4	6	5	7	1	2	3	8
3	7	1	8	2	6	4	5	9
7	2	8	4	9	3	5	1	6
1	9	4	6	5	7	3	8	2
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Don't be shy, ask anything!

Q. I recently heard about that noise violation and I live off-campus this year. I can't understand why that is or why someone would want to do it. I mean, it is a college campus and that's what college people do. But anyways, my roommates are constantly having parties and they are too noisy. I'm wondering about a way to calm them down about how much partying they're doing, and we've already gotten a warning.

A. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion on this situation. Of course we are a college, but we're also part of a town (or city for that matter), and therefore certain campus/community situations arise. This campus has had issues with the students versus the community before. Because we co-exist near each other, it is likely we will clash again. Recently, campus leaders and publications put out some warnings about the new noise ordinance and its possible effects on SU students. To get all the information on this or any issue, you could attend SGA meetings, talk to the University police, or even call the police department. It was fortunate that you just had a warning because they could have slapped a ticket in your hands. Please mention to your roommates all of the faces when you get them, so there are no complications later in the semester. All you can do is just talk to them. The saying goes "you can show them the door, but they have to be the ones to walk through it." And if a fine is issued, you need to know what steps you have to take if you're not involved with it and the roommates are trying to put your name down. Get as much information on this as you can.

Advice of the week:

A campus is a concentrated community of students, faculty and staff, cultivating an environment for thousands of germs. The spread of germs, infections, or viruses can occur at a fast right. Last time I checked, nobody likes to be sick, so following simple rules could save you a lot of trouble later. One obvious way to deter catching germs is to wash your hands before you eat, after you use the bathroom, after a science class, a gym class and so forth. Getting enough sleep sounds like it has nothing to do with it, but in fact, it does. Allowing your body to regenerate is important for your immune system. Stress is another factor that connects to sickness; if you stress out about a lot of things there is a chance that you're more at risk to getting a cold or sickness. Eating regularly is another factor. Allowing your body to starve just because you have a whole bunch of work to do isn't an excuse and will only cause more stress. Just keep in mind general guidelines to keep you from getting sick and you'll be happy!

Cultural Laureate program promotes ethnic events

By Kathleen Kasik
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's Cultural Laureate Program offers exciting opportunities for students to enjoy enriching events on campus. This new program is offered to students with less than 60 credits who are interested in becoming more culturally involved. It is designed to encourage attendance at various ethnic events on campus.

"This pilot program is a great chance for students to realize what events are available to them," said Salisbury University's Director of Cultural Affairs, June Krell-Selgado.

Students in the program are expected to attend at least five scheduled events this fall. Attendance is taken by simply swiping your Gull Card upon entry. One of the benefits of attending these events is that you are experiencing them for free. Most of the events that the school sponsors would otherwise be relatively expensive.

"I look forward to attending many of these events this semester. I think it is a great opportunity to learn about different cultures," said Sophomore Matt Doyle. "I would not normally go to these events, but it's convenient and free."

The theme for events this fall is an African American Cultural

Celebration. The events will highlight the contributions of African Americans who have helped to shape America. Salisbury students will be able to experience the history of jazz by attending *Looking at Jazz*, a six part film project and also attending the highly anticipated, Preservation Hall Jazz Band from New Orleans.

This semester will also highlight the Harlem Renaissance Orchestra and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, one of the most popular dance companies in the world. Emmy award winning Senior NPR Correspondent Juan Williams will be on campus Tuesday, September 18 to speak about his best selling book, *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*. A unique exhibit of Zulu telephone wire baskets from Africa is also on display in Fulton Hall.

Cultural Laureate Programs are offered at a limited number of public and private universities around the country. One of the rewards for becoming a Cultural Laureate is that students will earn a certificate of appreciation, a letter of congratulations and an honor cord that can be worn at commencement. "We hope the Cultural Laureate Program will be a success and plan to offer it to more students next year," said Krell-Selgado.

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SU celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

Salisbury University celebrates Hispanic culture in the community this month with a traditional Hispanic dinner, music, a movie series and a guest speaker.

On Wednesday, September 12 a special dinner was held in The Commons from 5-7 p.m. featuring traditional Hispanic foods. The menu included items such as chicken taquitos, Puerto Rican pink beans, avocado hummus with tortilla chips and Tex-Mex zucchini

slaw.

"It was really interesting to try some of the foods," said senior Jonathan Flood. "I tried pink beans which I had never had before."

After dinner, students and members of the community gathered in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center to enjoy some traditional Mexican music played by the band Che'ere. The band's performance, part of the SU Ambassador Series, was co-sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs, World Artist Experiences, Inc. and the Embassy of Mexico.

On September 24, the university will begin hosting a series of popular Hispanic films such as "A Day without a Mexican," "City of God" and "Real Women Have Curves". Each movie begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in Devilbiss Hall, room 123.

Hispanic Heritage Month concludes with guest speaker Andres Lara, "The Cuban Guy", on Thursday, September 27 at 7 p.m. in the Wicomico Room. Lara will be sharing his journey from living life on the streets to becoming a millionaire in ten years.

Credit cards target students

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

A sad epidemic sweeping across college campuses nationwide is credit card debt. Credit card companies have made millions of dollars off of vulnerable college students, a practice seen across colleges in the United States.

Salisbury students may see that these credit card culprits are often using different tactics to lure you in, such as the Subway scam. Free coupons are handed out to everyone across campus claiming to be for "free subs," but there is a catch. In order to receive your free meal you must first sign up for the credit card. Gimmicks such as these are ways to attract a lot of people to one spot, trapping them.

As a result of these scams and numerous offers, students get pulled in over their heads, starting out their adult lives in a deep financial hole.

"They suck," said senior Alison Miller.

Many of us didn't get our first card until we started college. The credit card companies know we are a generation seeking quick money and that quick money is appealing when it is on a little plastic card.

Although many colleges work hand in hand with credit companies, there is a flip side. Over the past few years more than 300 colleges and universities have banned credit marketers from their campuses. The average college undergraduate has \$1,843 in credit card debt, according to Sallie Mae, a student loan provider. With all this debt, it is hard to understand how a college student can pay it all off.

"Do what you want with them," said Salisbury University Alumni Christopher Curry. "If you are responsible they are great, if you aren't then good luck."

Credit card companies send out

pre-approved cards with astronomical spending limits. These companies are a money-making business who say that they understand you are a college student with little to no income and they want to help. The truth is...all that they want is your money.

The easiest thing in the world to do is apply for a credit card, especially when it is your first one. Many college students do not anticipate what comes afterward: paying for it.

According to <http://www.bankrate.com/>, 9 percent of college students have credit debt between \$3,000 and \$7,000, and one-fifth has four or more credit cards. The best advice is to plan for a credit card in advance and do your research. Don't just go with the first card you see. Remember a credit card is a big responsibility with a multi-year commitment.

Family Weekend offers fun for all

By Samantha Glaeser
Staff Writer

If you are contemplating a good time to have your parents come to town and visit, without any of you becoming bored, the last weekend of September promises fun for everyone.

Salisbury University's Family Weekend holds a variety of festivities, experiences and sports events to keep the whole family entertained. The Assistant Dean for Student Success and Parent Programs Kristen Kazmarek and Paul Cantrell, from Alumni Relations and Annual Giving have been working closely together since the spring of 2007 to create this event. Families can enjoy several activities including open classrooms and family presentations for the parents, an ice cream social and hockey, volleyball and football games for everyone. "With the exception of the golf tournament

and the meal opportunities, all of the family weekend day and evening programs are free," said Kazmarek.

Events are planned purposely throughout the weekend, offering students a chance to get their parents involved by showing them a glimpse of their lives at SU. "We also offered some flexibility in the schedule to allow for students and parents to enjoy the Salisbury community," said Kazmarek. "This is also known as 'Mom and Dad - take me shopping'."

Along with relaxing activities like the Family Weekend Golf Challenge and movie showings, a "must see" performance featuring Robert Channing, a mind reader, will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday evening in the Holloway Hall Auditorium. "It is a type of program you do not get the opportunity to see at other places. As an audience member, Robert will ask you to pick a thought, any thought, and will tell you what it is," said Kazmarek. "It could be your telephone number, special dates or even the exact amount of money in your pocket. It is not to be missed."

Once a combined event with Homecoming, Family Weekend is back as its own entity, providing a valuable source in building partnerships and meaningful connections between student families and the SU community.

Family Weekend is held Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30. The check-in table, which will be located in the Guerrieri University Center, will be open from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday. For the full schedule of times, locations, cost of events and registration, please visit: <http://www.salisbury.edu/parents/familyweekend>.

Families are encouraged to register for the weekend online; however, registration is not required for the events.

Weekly Greek News: SUGAP provides Greek guidelines

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

Salisbury University is making big changes to improve Greek Life on campus.

The Salisbury University Greek Assessment Program (SUGAP) has been formed to show Greek organizations what a good chapter is like and provide guidelines so all chapters on campus can meet those expectations.

"Recent studies indicate a widening gap between the rhetoric of Greek Chapters and the reality of their practices on campuses. Fraternity and sorority mission statements clearly define these organizations as supporting the mission of higher education. However, illegal and abusive alcohol consumption and its second hand effects continue to plague the Greek system. A Call for Values Congruence outlines a specific set of strategies to close the gap between what fraternities and sororities espouse and what their chapters do," according to the Franklin Square Group, 2003.

In response to the charges outlined in *A Call for Values Congruence*, the Greek Steering Committee was formed in February of 2007 at Salisbury University to address those issues and set a new standard for Greek life.

The Greek Steering Committee is an open forum that was designed at SU to provide guidance for fraternities and sororities. The committee aims to advance the Greek agenda and provide expectations and policies for recognized chapters on campus.

"A variety of standards, evaluation models and 'best practices' were studied, including those in use by National Fraternity/Sorority Headquarters and other institutions of higher education," said Student Life Coordinator John Stout.

The committee was asked to not only evaluate the organizations, but to provide a standard for everyone so that Greek Life at SU can continue to thrive.

The committee came up with SUGAP. This program is both a quantitative and qualitative measurement of organizational success.

"It defines the type of chapter that we believe our existing organizations have the potential to be, while

also providing a blueprint for future expansion groups," said Stout.

SUGAP will be done annually and will assess areas such as academic affairs, campus & community involvement, leadership development and more.

SUGAP is an incentive program and will have positive reinforcement for chapters on campus that thrive in meeting the expectations. SU Appropriations Board has allocated \$5,000 dollars for merit-based recognition to support the program.

Also, SUGAP will be made public record and will be helpful to those considering going out for Greek life. Students, parents, and others will be able to look online to see who is scoring high and doing well overall in each area.

However, Chapters who fail SUGAP 3 times within a 4 year period will suffer a Revocation of Charter.

"In the modern world of higher education, fraternities and sororities must continue to justify their place at the table through word and deed," said Stout.

Club

Spotlight: StarNet Society

By David Lapkoff
Staff Writer

Coming to college can be a trying time for anyone. With the sudden change of environment and increase in responsibility, people can be overwhelmed and grow introverted. This can be dangerous for those who were not part of the mainstream during their high school career. These people need a liaison to college life and here at Salisbury University, that's what StarNet Society is for. "Anybody interested in the classically nerdy pursuits: sci-fi, fantasy, anime, gaming, those kinds of things," said club president Andrew Phelps, "though we do get some people who just enjoy the company."

Despite its low-key profile, StarNet Society is one of the older clubs on campus dating back to the 1993-94 school year. Phelps explains the club's name, "We got our name from Star Wars and Star Trek, and at the time, the internet was still this new thing that was mostly for nerds. As for the society part, I don't know. Just to sound cool I guess."

StarNet Society makes regular appearances at student activities fairs, SGA meetings, the Big Event and Relay for Life. For over a decade now StarNet has met in the Fireside Lounge at 4 p.m. every Friday to discuss club business and new news in the world of fandom before a traditional group dinner in The Bistro of The Commons. If you've ever wondered who the loud people in the back of the room were, it was probably them. StarNet currently boasts anywhere from twenty-five to thirty-five active members, slews of alumni and roughly ten to fifteen new freshmen.

The club organizes a fair number of activities for both SU students and its members. For the past several semesters they have held weekly anime showings every Saturday in Fulton 111 at 2 p.m. Showings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Last year the club helped organize a number of long and short running Dungeons & Dragons games. StarNet also organized a number of group trips to the movies. Last year's more unique outings included a "come and yell at the screen" showing of Samuel Jackson's campy "Snakes on a Plane", and a group sing-along to South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone's first film, "Cannibal, the Musical" complete with hand-outs of lyrics.

One of StarNet Society's grandest traditions is the Lock-In. At least once every semester a room in upstairs Guerrieri is rented out for the night, and club members are encouraged to stay up all night to engage in video game/board game revelry. "It makes for a really long day, but it's really fun," said Phelps.

The first Lock-in of the semester is scheduled for September 21 in the Nanticoke Room (GUC 236), with a second Lock-in following in late November.

For more information, join StarNet's mailing list by sending a request to STARNETSOCIETY@salisbury.edu.

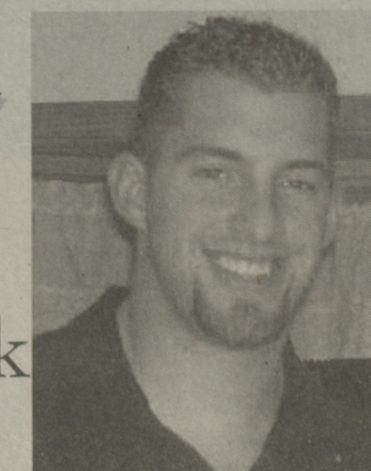
StarNet Activities

- Weekly anime showing every Saturday in Fulton 111 at 2 p.m
- Dungeons and Dragons tournaments
- Group trips to the movies.
- Overnight Lock-ins
- Relay 4 Life
- SGA Meetings
- The Big Event
- Student Activities Fairs
- Weekly Meetings
- Group dinners in The Commons

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY

Seagull Super Star

Matt Funk



I am originally from New Jersey. I transferred here from Siena College in Albany, NY after they dropped their football team. I got in contact with Coach Wood who asked me to come down for a visit and assured me it would be a great fit. Needless to say it was and I now plan on living down here for a long time. I played on the Varsity football team at SU. Coach Wood always preached community service and it is something that I was constantly involved in during my time here. We worked with many at-risk youth teens and mentored them for the spring semesters. We participated in other

events for the community. I must thank Coach Wood for all that he has done for me, the school and community. I am also a member of the Conflict Resolution Club. This, in my opinion, is one of the best clubs at SU. Under the leadership of Dr. Brain Polkinghorne, we have had two former heads of state in Lech Welsa and de' Klerk. I now am pursuing a job in law enforcement at the state and federal levels. I would like to thank the Salisbury Community, SU faculty and staff for always lending a hand and all they do for the students.

The Writing Center at Herb's Place's Vocab Word of the Week

PURLOIN (v.)

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Peeping Patriots get burned

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's soccer team shutout Randolph-Macon 7-0 on Saturday in a regional game played at the SU Soccer Complex.

"This is the most complete game we've played this year," said head coach Gerard DiBartolo. "I think this is the best 90 minutes we've played this season."

Kyle Sterling broke the scoreless tie 10 minutes into the contest, netting his third goal of the season from a tough angle on the right side. Greg Taylor followed suit shortly thereafter netting his first tally of the season in the thirtieth minute. Junior Romaine Bruney scored his first goal for SU at the end of the first half off a double assist from senior Andrew Henciak and freshman Chris Finney.

"It's good to finally put some in the net," said forward Nick Malone. "We're passing and moving off the ball well."

Utilizing a strong defense and a quick, aggressive midfield, the Gulls were able to put pressure on the Yellow Jackets compiling three goals and almost 20 shots in one half of work. Midfielders Scott Sparrow and Henciak consistently picked off passes from the opposition helping to maintain a fast, solid offense.

"We're a fairly young team and we're trying to be more consistent," said DiBartolo. "But if we play everyday like we played today then we're going to be really successful."

SU dominated the field throughout the second half and piled on four more goals, two coming within a five minute span off the foot of sophomore midfielder Alex Hargrove.

Six different SU players scored a goal, two coming in the last four minutes of the game, one from freshman Mike Napolitano and the other Kenneth Price, who made his final strike with only seven seconds left on the scoreboard. Sophomore Goalie Greg Wellinghoff earned his first collegiate victory with two saves.

Randolph-Macon was held to only four shots and one corner kick by the commanding maroon and gold defense. The Sea Gulls took 11 corner kicks and 33 shots (15 on goal) in the win. This is their fourth shutout this season.

After losing back-to-back contests at last week's Esprit D-III Classic, the win improves the teams record to 3-2-1. SU will hit the road for their next two contests facing off with both Gallaudet and Rochester. Salisbury will play the Bison on Tuesday in their first Capital Athletic Conference contest of the season.



Telecia Taylor photo

Former SU lacrosse player is drafted

By Luke Kjeldsen
Staff Writer

When Matt Dasinger walks onto the lacrosse field this year he will immediately notice something different—a roof over his head and a much smaller playing field.

Dasinger was recently drafted by the Chicago Shamrox Indoor Lacrosse Team of the up-and-coming National Lacrosse League—with the forty-seventh overall pick.

"It was a huge honor to be drafted by the NLL," remarked Dasinger, who was a first-team All-American with the Sea Gulls last year, garnering 43 goals and 19 assists in the process.

"It was great to hear the good news about Matt, but I'm not the least bit surprised," said Salisbury Men's Lacrosse Coach Jim Berkman. "He really came into his own during the last two and a half years. He just took off."

Dasinger, who won three championships and compiled an 83-1 record during his time at Salisbury University, will look to propel the second-year Shamrox into the playoffs.

"My time at SU was awesome," said Dasinger. "Coach Berkman and the team really prepared me for this."

Chicago's inaugural season was derailed by a midseason slump, causing them to miss out on the playoffs with a 6-10 record.

Chicago saw plenty of positives when it came to Dasinger. "A lot of our players are from Canada, so the fact that he was from the States was a big plus," said Shamrox Director of Public Relations Joe Stefani.

Chicago's Director of Lacrosse Operations Phil Ryan also saw something in Dasinger. "I told Jamie Butler (Head Coach and General Manager of the Shamrox) that this kid is pretty good, and we should really check him out," he said.

"We thought he would go a lot earlier," said Stefani. "So when we saw that he was still around in the fourth round we had to jump on it." Despite the many accolades Dasinger has received of late, he realizes that the indoor game is

much different than the outdoor ball he played at SU.

"It's a lot more of a pick-and-roll game," said Dasinger. "There's a lot more strategy, and even some cross-checking is legal."

Berkman concurred with his former midfielder's sentiments: "Indoor lacrosse is a completely different game than outdoor. Matt's game has always been speed, speed, speed, so he's going to have to adapt to the smaller field and refine his stick skills. He's quick, strong, and athletic though, so I have no doubt he can do it."

Dasinger was the fifth draft selection in the fourth round, but that doesn't mean he won't be a vital component to Chicago's success.

"We drafted Bill McGlone from Maryland in the later rounds last year," said Stefani, "and he made the All-Rookie Team."

Dasinger is being used in a transitional player role so far, which means he could be called upon to play a number of positions. Regardless of where he's at on the field, expect him to make a difference.

"The team looks good right now," said Dasinger. "We should definitely be in the playoffs this year, and hopefully we'll have a shot at a championship too."

Cross country & soccer preview

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

With the soccer and cross country teams already off to fast starts we take a look at the season outlooks for these Salisbury squads as they all look to capture titles.

The cross country team is primed for a run at a national championship. Coming off two consecutive seasons with both the men's and women's teams capturing CAC titles, the team is ready for more. Salisbury University cross country head coach James Jones says the "preparation for next year starts after the season ends. The athletes have to train and I have to do my job recruiting to find the right people to fit into the program." As always "the team's first priority is to win the conference and to get another banner in the gym."

Leading the way for the men's team will be seniors Buck Stokes (Lothian, MD) and Eric Graves (Catonsville, MD), both of whom garnered first team All-CAC selections last season. Senior Carl Blicke (Woodrich Township, NJ), second team All-CAC, will provide needed depth for the squad. This year's team tours seven freshmen, most notably Chris Bernard (Chney, Md.) who is expected to make an immediate impact on what will be a solid team.

The women's team, seeking their fourth consecutive Capital Athletic Conference title, will be lead by 2006 CAC runner of the year junior Kelly Sullivan. Her twin sister Glenna Sullivan (Phoenix, MD) along with Jenn Bulger (Verona, NJ) will also look to be strong performers.

Depth is added by last years CAC rookie of the year Emily Hammond (Richmond, Va.), and seniors Zuzka O'Zwoldkie (Tuckerton, N.J.) and Casey McNerny (Elmira, N.Y.). The 2007 Salisbury's cross country team sounds more like a fantasy draft of speedsters than a D-III squad and could be the start of something great.

The women's soccer team returns to the pitch this year after finishing last season on fire, winning seven of their last nine games including the conference title game. They will be lead by senior Kate Weaver (Abington, MD) who is coming off a record setting season scoring twenty goals and registering forty-two points in a season, as well as goals in a game (4) against St. Mary's College in the CAC title game.

Midfielders junior Robyn Bishop (Columbia, Md.) and senior Sara Schmidt (Glen Burnie, Md.) will provide strong play through the middle of the field. Juniors Kristin Greene (Finksburg, Md.) and Gena Goodson (Great Mills, Md.) will vie for the starting position in between the pipes for the Gulls. Last year, the defense only allowed 1.11 goals per game, which was good enough for second in the conference, and another season of hard defensive play can be counted on again this year. Salisbury University Women's soccer Coach Jim Nestor said this year's team is "determined and knows it will take a lot of work to return to the CAC title game."

Salisbury University men's soccer coach Gary DiBartolo has "high expectations this year" stating "we want to and can compete for a conference championship". This year's team is very young "20 of the 28 players on the roster are freshmen or sophomores and we're going to have to find a way to put the pieces together."

The top returning scorers this year are forwards Junior Nick Malone (Salisbury, Md.) and Kyle Sterling (Salisbury, Md.). This season both the emotional and on the field leadership will be provided by seniors Zach Grubb (Aberdeen, Md.) and David Kroening (Rochester, N.Y.). Backer Kroening will set the tempo as this year's team will "live and die on how the defense plays."

A solid core of net minders looks to improve upon last season's defense which gave up almost a goal game more than the year before.



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Volleyball

The Salisbury University volleyball team won their opening Capital Athletic Conference match of the season defeating Marymount University in straight sets 30-24, 30-28, 30-28. Jaime Marzocchi recorded 34 assists and Stacey Krebs had 15 kills and nine digs to pace the Gulls offense. Sophomore libero Gabby Long lead the team with 17 digs and also contributed three service aces. Salisbury is now (7-4 CAC 1-0) and will host the Salisbury Invitational starting next Saturday.

Cross Country

The Salisbury University cross country teams preformed admirably at the 9th Annual New York University Cross Country Invitational with the women finishing second out of 22 teams and the

men coming in fourth out of 23 squads. Senior Eric Graves was the top Sea Gull finisher placing fifth overall in a time of 26:13. Buck Stokes and Zack Dickerson finished 22nd and 23rd respectively running times of 27:15 and 27:18, respectively. Salisbury's top female runner was Casey McNerny who finished in a time of 20:01 which placed her eighth. Junior Kelly Sullivan finished eight seconds behind her in ninth place.

Football

Salisbury University's football team upset No. 20 Christopher Newport University 35-21 last Saturday. The Gulls (3-0) ran for a season-high 400 yards, finishing with 433 total yards of offense on the day. The offense was lead by Valdase Morris who ran for 104 yards on just seven carries

scoring twice. Ronnie Shockley and Jamar Garner ran for 88 and 86 yards respectively helping to keep the offensive moving. The Sea Gulls got on the board first scoring on back-to-back possessions to open a 14-0 lead. The Captains answered in the second quarter embarking on an 85 yard drive that ended with a Mike Thomas 1 yard run into the end-zone, cutting Salisbury's lead to 14-7. Garner answered back, scoring his second touchdown of the day running it in from 25 yards out. Salisbury added to their advantage as Morris scored a touchdown rumbling 49 yards to pay dirt giving SU a commanding 35-7 lead. The Capitans' scored two late touchdowns but SU was able to hold on to the impressive victory. SU will face off with Delaware Valley College on Saturday at 1p.m.

Women's soccer remains undefeated

By Jeffrey Southworth
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's soccer team hosted No. 10 Virginia Wesleyan College last Wednesday. The Sea Gulls hung tough forcing two overtime periods before the game ended in a 1-1 draw against the only top 25 team on their schedule.

The Sea Gulls kept up with a very fast and physical Virginia Wesleyan team in the first half while missing on key opportunities to score. The Sea Gulls biggest opportunity was stopped when Virginia Wesleyan goalie Lindsey Williams made a huge save in traffic denying a powerful shot off the foot of senior Robyn Bishop. Virginia Wesleyan miss fired on their closest chance to score as well when Sam Tyner sent one over the net on a set piece, as the game went to half with no scores.

Virginia Wesleyan came out of halftime aggressive getting a shot off on goal in the first two minutes. Salisbury goalie Gena Goodson was tested all day but played well keeping the fast paced offense of Virginia Wesleyan at bay, as the Sea Gulls were out shot 16-7. SU's Hillary Grove was big on the back line for the Gulls shutting down the attack of Virginia Wesleyan clearing ball after ball. Aggressive play by Grove and the rest of the Salisbury defense helped keep offensive possession of the ball and the game.

Virginia Wesleyan scored first as Stacey Zeiler put the ball just out of the reach of Goodson in the 54th minute of the game. However Goodson would bounce back as she made a great save midway through the second half to keep the Sea Gulls in the game. Salisbury slowed the game down with longer possessions, which seemed to favor their style of play. With 13 minutes

remaining Virginia Wesleyan's Williams temporarily halted the Sea Gull's comeback efforts with a clutch save. But with nine minutes remaining in the contest in the Sea Gulls biggest non-conference game of the season, senior Kate Weaver found junior Dana Passucci who blasted a shot through traffic past a diving Williams to tie the game at 1-1 in the 81st minute.

The first overtime period was back-and-forth with both teams trading possessions. Salisbury's Goodson saw one go high and made one save, both off the foot of Nikki Mazzoccone. The second overtime period was nearly identical to the first with teams trading possessions. Goodson helped secure a draw with another save in the 103rd minute.

The Salisbury University women's soccer team (3-0-1) heads to Delaware to face off with conference foe Wesley College on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00pm.

Field hockey defeats Frostburg 5 - 0

Ben Muell
Staff Writer

The No. 8 ranked Salisbury University field hockey team defeated in-state rival Frostburg State University 5-0 last Saturday. It was all Salisbury from the beginning as the vast majority of the first half was played down on Frostburg's end of the field.

Frostburg's defense held until just under ten minutes into the game when sophomore Lauren Correll knocked in the game first goal in a scramble in front of the goal. Freshman Abby Tedford was then able to beat the FSU goalie for her first goal of her career to put SU up 2-0. Danielle Twilley then scored the final tally of the half netting her team leading sixth goal of the season on a penalty shot with 6:38 left in the first half.

The first fifteen minutes of the second half were a stalemate as neither team was able to mount much of an attack and a large portion of time was spent around the giant SU logo at midfield. After a goal was

called back at 21:23 minute mark Salisbury started to knock Frostburg back on there heels. Sophomore Beverly Beladino broke out on a fast break and snuck the ball by the FSU backup goalie for Salisbury's forth goal of the game and her fifth of the season. In the final minute of play sophomore midfielder Caitlyn Ruffuson who was left alone in front of the cage received a pass from Beladino and tacked on the final goal. Salisbury's strengths were shown early and often as they frequently stole the ball form the opposition and forces it back up field through solid passing and sheer speed. SU Goalie Maria Ramoundos was never really tested as Frostburg was only able to form a handful of advances which were quickly turned away. Salisbury was able to out shoot FSU 21-3 and took fourteen penalty corners to Frostburg's four.

Earlier in the week the Gulls took down No. 12 ranked Johns Hopkins University in a hard fought 2-1 victory. The Gulls offense was led by sophomores Beladino and Correll who each netted first half goals.

Beladino's tally came three minutes into the contest as she deflected a pass from senior Twilley to beat the JHU goalie. Correll scored in the 32nd minute on an assist from Ashley Twigg. The Gulls were set to take a 2-0 lead into halftime however with no time remaining in the first half SU committed a defensive foul inside the circle handing a penalty corner to JHU. Hopkins capitalized on the opportunity as Leah Dudley passed to Adair Landy who beat Ramoundos in the right corner to cut the Gulls lead in half, 2-1.

Neither team was able to find the back of the cage in the second half, as the game turned into a defensive struggle. The two teams combined for 128 fouls in a testy match-up of highly ranked teams. Salisbury has now won eight straight over JHU and holds a 17-5 lead in the series. The Sea Gulls will ahead out on the road next week as they take on McDaniel on Wednesday afternoon and then head to Pennsylvania to take on York.



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